

SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 26, 2014 – Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Ron Bick, Joe Giraldi, Tom Ireland, Richard Redican and Ralph Young

Absent: Clarence Brosmer (excused)

County: Matt Logan, Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call of members established a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes from March 26, 2014 and May 29, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input:

- None

Unfinished Business:

Access Channel Maintenance Dredging – Mr. Logan reported that Johnson Engineering is doing the Engineering and Permitting for this project. The permit for dredging the channel and turning basin has been issued. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) must review this due to the small tooth sawfish. This process takes 4-8 months due to ACOE being short of staff. Johnson Engineering and Mr. Logan will stay in contact with ACOE for status updates. There was discussion regarding special requirements for the spoil site; this information will be included in the bid documents and specifications before they are put out for bids.

- Lock Maintenance Status:

1. EHM Inspection Recommendations – Ms. Nothdurft reported that she will follow up on the status and report back.
 2. Mobil-One Improve Radio Receiver (\$11,878) – Ms. Nothdurft reported they have been working onsite the past two days and are making good progress. The new antenna has been installed and they are in the process of moving the receiver to the other wall.
 3. Upgrade to AM III Plus Controller (\$4000) - The controller has been ordered. The Committee asked if the project is still on target to be completed by the first week in July. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back by email.
- Aquatic Weed Control – Mr. Hunter reported there is currently nothing out of the ordinary; they are performing routine maintenance at this point. Mr. Ireland inquired about an email he sent regarding Chara growing in the Staunton WW. Ms. Nothdurft had forwarded this to Mr. Hunter and will follow up and report back.
 - Damaged Dock on Zephyr Waterway – Ms. Nothdurft forwarded an email that was sent by the County Attorney's Office regarding the removal of the damaged dock. Removal of the dock does not fall under the purview of the MSBU. The MSBU cannot provide funding for private dock repairs or removal.
 - Sign/Marker – 3/26/14 requests – The requests were submitted to Signing and Marking; however the division's boat was broken down causing them to fall behind. The request for new signs should be complete within the next 2-3 weeks. The Committee would like for all the signs in South Gulf Cove to be reviewed and repaired if necessary. The Committee asked to add two items to the previous request:
 1. Replace the faded "Lock" sign that is located at the lock channel and the Butterford Waterway with a new sign using larger letters to make it easier to see and to remove the "s" from "Locks" to say "Lock".
 2. Replace the faded "Minimum Wake" sign that is located as you travel in towards the lagoon at the first canal on the right hand side before getting to Kays Cut.

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- SGC Waterfront Permitting – As requested by the Public Works Director, Ms. Nothdurft provided contact information for Planning & Zoning to the Committee members to address this issue. Shaun Cullinan is the Planning & Zoning Official and Jamie Scudera is an Environmental Specialist in Zoning and can be reached at 941-743-1290.

New Business:

- Cleaning Marine Life from Lock Gates & Seals – Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back.
- New Lock Signs & Recordings - These signs are located at the lock entrances on both the bay side and canal side and at the control panel and provide instructions on how to operate the lock. Mr. Young will email the information and a script for a new recording to Ms. Nothdurft. There was discussion regarding the recording and how it starts without anything being done. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back. Mr. Ireland agreed to meet with Mobile-One when they are on site if needed. There was a discussion regarding a possible instruction sheet on how to operate the system being given to the marina to give to boaters.
- All financial decisions must be made at an advertised meeting that is open to the public.
- Financial Reports – The History and Activity reports were distributed for review and discussion.

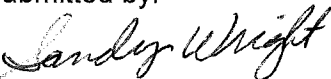
Open discussion:

- There was discussion regarding the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting being moved to the beginning of the meeting and limited to 3 minutes. It was explained that this allows citizen's time to voice their opinions or concerns on items that may be up for approval at the meeting; this allows the Committee to have the citizen's input prior to making a decision. The Committee can allow additional citizen comments at the end of the meeting if they wish.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by:


Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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